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# the Readers' response

To the Editor:

I enjoy reading the Evangel editor's answers to the readers' questions, but I do not always agree with the answer given.

For instance, in the issue dated September 16, a question from Mrs. G. F. A. of Warrior, Alabama, asked if fear and doubt mean the same thing. The answer given does not seem quite scriptural, because there is a fear of God enjoined upon us as believers that is not closely or even remotely related to doubt. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, said the wise man. He did not say it was a near relative of doubt.

When we read in Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Fear God, and keep his commandments . . ." or when we read Matthew 10:28, "Fear not them which kill the body . . . but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," are we permitted or encouraged to substitute the word doubt, instead of fear in these places, because of the close relationship of fear and doubt? Scripture differentiates between a worldly sorrow that worketh death and a godly sorrow that worketh repentance, just so there may be a godly fear and a worldly fear, but your answer does not say so.

ARTHUR J. NELSON  
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• I believe Mrs. G. F. A. had reference to dread, terror or fright in her question. When we are told to fear God the word has reference to awe and not dread, which is quite different from the fear that is similar to doubt. Perfect love casteth out fear and those who are fearful shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. Certainly that is not the fear of God. Perfect love increases fear or awe of God instead of casting it out and those who fear and have awe toward God shall have their part in heaven, the eternal home of the righteous. God does not command us to have something that would condemn us.—Editor.

To the Editor:

In December of 1956 one of my co-students in high school handed me a copy of your fine

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magazine, the Church of God Evangel. I appreciated it very much and read it several times. All the articles in it helped me in my spiritual life. After reading it, I told someone to subscribe to it for themselves. I feel in my heart that without Christ in my soul I am nothing in this world. So, in that moment since reading some fine passages, I received Christ as my personal Saviour. I realized that God has a purpose in my life.

Now, I am studying here in Manila, in one of the Pentecostal Bible schools. I love to learn more of God's Word. So after this three years of preparation in Bible school, I will help to work for Christ in His vineyard, preaching salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We are trained in Bible school every Sunday afternoon to teach and preach in our outstation. I love to distribute tracts to the unsaved ones. The Evangel can help me in my ministry.

MANUEL V. GULFAN  
Manila, Philippines

To the Editor:

I have been enjoying the Evangel nearly a year.

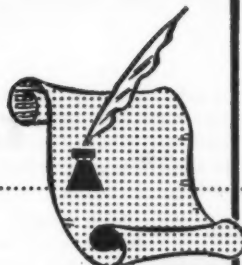
Now to a subject that is dear to my heart. Why does man depend upon man to tell him the things that God has promised to tell him? I speak of the water that was made wine by our Lord Jesus Christ, (September 16, 1957) and say that there is no mistake regarding its quality. Why don't they read on for the answer is there? Let us remember that Jesus does not need any man to defend His honor. All that He did was good. Nothing immoral, not one questionable act was done by Him, because His was a short ministry, so all had to be done right the first time. He did not, nor has to now, retrace any of His steps.

The wine was of the best quality, for was not this statement made immediately: "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now." Does that leave any room for doubt as to the quality of that water that was made wine? Or did the translators err in making that translation? So let us be fair and not mealy-mouthed, for our Saviour was pure in every way. He did not pull His "punches" for He was God in the flesh, Alpha and Omega, so how could anything happen unless He willed it so? Even today, He rules all that man does.

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*Is Your*

## *Child Hungry?*



*The*

## **Editor's Message**

**L**OCKED IN THE BREAST of every child are four types of hunger. The parent who neglects either of these falls as a parent, even though he may be very conscientious about the other three.

### *1. Physical Hunger*

The first of these hungers is physical. The child must have food for the building of his body or the body will perish. From the moment the babe is born he is dependent upon the mother and the father to provide this food. Failure to do so is a crime in the eyes of the law; the negligent parent will lose his child, be prosecuted by the law and condemned by society. Scripture says that a man who does not provide for his own family is worse than an infidel (1 Timothy 5:8). Many, therefore, boast themselves as good parents because they do what they are obligated to do. Some seem to think their responsibility toward their children is fulfilled simply because they keep food on the table, clothing on their bodies and a shelter over their heads. If a parent does no more than that, he is a failure—even a wild beast does as much for her young. That is only one of four hungers that must be satisfied.

### *2. Intellectual Hunger*

The second human hunger is soon evident in the child. This is a hunger of the mind, and it is as real as physical hunger. From the time the babe's eyes begin to follow any strange sight or he turns his ears toward any strange sound, he is in the process of learning. Again the law steps in to place compulsion upon the parent. As soon as the child is old enough to attend school the parent is liable before the law to see that he attends. The President of the United States as well as the Defense, Labor, and the Health, Education and Welfare Departments are disturbed because 40 per cent of our American youth in 1956 quit school at the eighth grade. The child whose intellectual hunger is not satisfied will wither away mentally even though his body may be robust.

### *3. Social Hunger*

The hunger for companionship is one of the greatest of any child. If he is deprived of this, he will pine away into a maladjusted hermit. But he generally

will find satisfaction for his social hunger one way or another. If he has no brothers and sisters and if his father and mother are not pals to him, then he will find pals somewhere else. He must do so if he is normal, for he is a social creature. The companionship he finds for himself is not likely to be the best for him. Happy the child who finds in his own home satisfaction for his social hunger, whose father is a buddy and not merely a disciplinarian, whose mother is a pal as well as a cook and housekeeper.

Robert E. Gallagher, of the Catholic Charities in New York, says, "There is no substitute for parental responsibility, love and guidance. It is better for a little boy to visit the Statue of Liberty with his father than with his teacher and thirty classmates."

Since the social hunger is born in him and he will satisfy it one way or another, the wise parent will provide for it just as he provides for his physical and intellectual hunger.

### *4. Spiritual Hunger*

It is needless to say that the spiritual hunger of a child is the greatest of all. Many a parent provides for the physical, mental and social needs of his children but never provides for their spiritual needs. That parent is a failure before God, no matter if he is hailed as an ideal parent. Unless the hunger is satisfied at an early age, there is every possibility that the spiritual self of the child will wither to lifelessness so that he will have no hunger or desire for spiritual things when he is older. For he will be spiritually dead.

Remember this, the first responsibility for any child's spiritual nurture lies in his own home. When Paul commended the faith of Timothy he did not say that Timothy had gained this faith in church or in Sunday School, or that he had gained it through good preaching or the influence of some friend. He stated that Timothy had gained his faith in his own home, at the knee of his own mother. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also," 2 Timothy 1:5.

That is where faith should begin. That is where the spiritual hungers of the child should be satisfied. It must not be left to the church or the Sunday School. Indeed, it cannot be left to them, for a recent poll

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# "The Child"

By E. E. Coleman  
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## PART TWO

**B**EFORE THE CHRISTIAN worker can properly appreciate the child, he must have a certain knowledge of the *capacities* that children have for certain things; and must also have a positive love for all children. There is no greater force than love. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Jesus, naturally, had to share this love for the whole world before He could say, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39). It is just as necessary for the Christian worker to *share* this love, as it was for Christ; for his service cannot produce maximum results if it is mechanical, and not motivated by love.

It was needful that Peter *LOVE CHRIST MORE* than he loved his fishing nets, his family, his friends, or himself! And when he professed that he did *love Him more*, Jesus placed on him the great responsibility to "feed my lambs" (John 21:15). It cost God something that was very dear to his heart when He saved the world; it cost Jesus many years of suffering, privation, great humility, and death itself, to save the world; it cost the early disciples their homes, the positions they held, the wealth they might have acquired; and for all except John, a violent death. It will cost you something, Christian worker! *What are you prepared to pay?*

Let me answer that for you (I've been paying the cost of trying to serve the Lord and reach the lost, for thirty years—I know a little about it). You are prepared to pay an amount equal to your *love* for the souls of these little ones. If you do not love little children, leave them alone, and let someone who loves them work with them. They are tender, pliable, and easily molded and formed in almost any given way. If they are to be the children of God, they must be molded by love.

These little ones have a great capacity for *knowledge*. From the time the little infant holds a chubby foot in his little hand, and forces a wiggling toe into his little mouth, and learns that that foot is part of himself, from that day forward, his mind is ever searching for something new to leave its impression in his brain tissue. The character that the child develops depends largely on the source of these impressions. Whoever works with him must be able to show him the love of Jesus in word, in truth, in deed, and in conversation. Men like Thomas Edison, Albert Ein-

stein, and a great host of others had an unusual capacity for knowledge. Think what would have resulted if a consecrated Christian worker could have found these boys in their young, tender, formative years, and could have turned their thirst for knowledge to Jesus, the Bible and the Church! We may not have had the atomic bomb, but we would have had a far more dynamic force at work, when they unleashed the power of God through their lives! We must help our children and youth satisfy their thirst for knowledge on spiritual things!

These little ones have a great desire and capacity for *liberty* and *freedom*. They can't stand to be fenced in. They are willing to fall off a bed, with the risk of a bloody nose, rather than remain within its borders. When they have crawled off the bed, and had their cry over the bump on their head; when they have managed to leave their yard and explore the neighbors' yards; when they have seen all of their home town, then their state and their country; and all the world, they are still dissatisfied. What, then, can satisfy this capacity and desire for freedom? Turn their feet to the pages of Holy Writ. Show them something of the government and divine laws of God. The Bible is the open window through which we view the infinite reaches of eternity; the endless and the ageless bliss of immortality; the eternal and the glorious state of the redeemed, and the magnanimity of the transcending love of Jesus! If these little ones can be led to Jesus in time, they can find in these things that which will satisfy their desire for freedom. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

I suppose that from a purely psychological point of view, these little ones have a greater desire and capacity for *power* and *authority* than for any other thing. Millions of people die, every few decades, in some gigantic struggle for power. Hundreds of Pharaohs, Alexanders, Caesars, Napoleons, and Hitlers have fought and bled and died trying to satisfy this thirst for power and authority. God gave these desires to man. They are not unholy desires unless they are dedicated to Satan's cause rather than to God's cause. God told Adam to *subdue* the earth and *have dominion* over it. This desire dates back to the creation of man. Man, however, must recognize the sovereignty of God if he is to enjoy the pursuit of happiness along these lines. Even Jesus recognized the headship of God; and certainly man must recognize the headship of Christ over him, and find contentment in



waiting for the thousand years of holiness under Christ before he tries to rule the world.

What if a Christian worker could have found Napoleon, Hitler, or Stalin when they were young and pliable? Their ambitions, which cost millions of lives, and billions of dollars were formed in their youth. If they could have been reached in time it would have changed the course of history; for neither of these men could have lived and died as he did if the story of Jesus had reached him in time.

So, Christian worker, you will never know what murder you have prevented, what sex crime you have averted, what misery you have kept back from society, what wrath of God you have withheld from souls, until you get to eternity and let Jesus Himself tell you what blessing you have been, what good you have accomplished as you worked patiently with these little ones. As these little ones express a desire for power and authority, turn their minds to the millennium, and to the rod of iron with which we shall rule all nations *under Christ*, in holiness and righteousness (Revelation 19 and 20).

These little ones have great desire and capacity for happiness. Left alone, or rather left to Satan, they will seek happiness in sin's dark paths. They will acquire tastes and desires that are unnatural, and

which will lead them to lust and death in their search for happiness. The Christian worker must be there to assure these little ones that they may with *joy* draw water from the wells of salvation; and that Jesus will give the oil of *joy* for mourning (Isaiah 12:3; 61:3).

These little ones have an overpowering desire for *self-expression*. They need to give vent to the feelings that pile up inside them. Their emotions work overtime, and they must find an outlet. Naturally, Satan has the answer; but what a consequence! Here the Christian worker needs to be, indeed, as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove. God has intended that singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord be an outlet for the emotions (Ephesians 5:19). With all the be-bop, the juke boxes, the radios, television, and record clubs that sponsor their sexually suggestive music, and the other sources of infernal and carnal entertainment available to the children and youth, it is most difficult to show them the evil and danger of these things before it is too late. In most cases, before a Christian worker ever reaches them, they have already learned to express their emotions on the dance floor to some fast, sexy tune, lost in a frenzy of swirling skirts and undulating bodies, floating with carnal desires through rooms stale with tobacco smoke. But if we can get these little ones to grow up with good sacred songs and music, it will be hard for them to pull away from it in later life. The Christian worker should know how to teach these little ones to express themselves in creative and constructive things; as writing good music, writing good stories for other young people to read, taking part in prayer meeting, helping with the Sunday School, holding street services where practical, giving out tracts about the love of Christ, organizing trios and quartets to sing gospel songs, visiting the prisons, and working with the old and helpless people. There are so many things these little ones can do to express themselves, but the Christian worker must reach them before it is too late!

There is only one answer to the Christian worker's question of how? when? where? and why? That is that motivating factor that has driven pastors to serve without pay; forced teachers to teach against opposition; sent missionaries to die in dark, far-off places; sent Jesus to the cross; caused millions to die at the stake, in dens of wild animals, and on the gallows. That motivating factor, that driving power, that irresistible element is *love*. You will serve as you love. *How much do you love these little ones?*

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## Notice... Notice... Notice...

I have a large collection of *Evangels*, *Lighted Pathways* and flannelgraph. If these could be put to some use in a new work or in a mission work, I will gladly pack them and send them to anyone sending the name, address and postage. My address is Gladys Cherry, Route 1, Box 868, Orange Park, Florida.

# The Folly of Thoughtlessness

*"And think not to say within yourselves . . .," Matthew 3:9.*

By Doyle McCoy

Pastor, San Bruno, California

**O**FTEN WE FIND OURSELVES condemning the Apostle Peter as a champion of impetuous thoughtlessness. Even the word *impetuous* has almost engraved itself into our minds or vocabulary as a synonym of Peter, it so often is used to depict his nature and foolhardiness.

There is a very close parallel in each of our lives to that of Peter when it comes to rash and hasty decisions. So much today is said of the speed of this age that almost unconsciously we find ourselves victims of thoughtless impetuosity, perhaps even vaguely conceding that immediate decisions compel us to act without thought. Before we make any final concessions, however, let us stop a while and ponder the path of our feet in the light of God's Word and will. With Solomon, a capable advisor, let us "ponder the path of thy (our) feet, and let all thy (our) ways be established" (Proverbs 4:26). "Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble" (Proverbs 3:23).

Poor, blundering, blustering, faltering Peter, always in the limelight because he acted without thought. So often is this true, and almost as often we see Peter chagrined and meekly bowing under reprimand from the lips of Jesus. He was thoughtless, dauntless, and daringly bold, but may we all be just as great and equally as hasty in accepting correction from the Lord. As Paul admonished, may we be "children in malice, men in understanding," and step back and think with deliberation on the commandments of the Lord, then accept and walk therein. A good antidote for hasty, thoughtless decisions is given by David after he had looked up to see that "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." Then in prayer to that God so forcefully declaimed, he interceded, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:1, 14). May we all follow both that pattern of prayer and that consciousness of the fact "to wait upon God" is to "have our strength renewed."

Thoughtlessness has caused this earth to be all but drenched in blood since the first two children born into the world reached maturity and became conscious of their need of worshipping God. Perhaps if Cain had only sat back and pondered, "If thou doest well, shalt

thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door" (Genesis 4:7), history would not have been such a gruesome record of bestial carnage. As if that were to be the pattern or precedent for all succeeding generations, since that time thoughtless actions have been perpetrated against a fellow man as well as against God.

Thoughtlessness has caused many a blood-bought Christian to fill a martyr's untimely grave. It would seem that any person worthy of the term *human* would, upon profound thought, be compelled to concede that all men have equal right to practice their concept of the proper worship of God. If all men would always be thoughtful in all decisions concerning God and his fellow man, it would bring not merely a utopia, but a veritable heaven in reality to us.

We still find ourselves and others being impetuous Peters. But for what Pentecost wrought for Peter, it seems that his zealous, faulty, ambiguous record would be one deplored and thrust aside by the devout follower of Jesus. Yea, may we not say his record was ambiguous, or of doubtful nature, when we hear Christ in His rebuke of the apostle say, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men"? Whose side would one of casual acquaintance think him to be on when they saw that he "took him (the Saviour) and began to rebuke him"? There is but once after Pentecost that we find this giant of a spiritual leader and pillar disseminating and separating himself from a few of God's people. But then the noble spirit of the real Peter was brought back into line by the rebuke of the Apostle Paul, for we find Peter at a later date and in a devout epistle making mention of the "beloved" Brother Paul, and giving Paul's writings a place with the other inspired, sacred Scriptures.

**P**ERHAPS IF WE SHOULD follow the Apostle Peter in a few of the occasions in which he acted thoughtlessly, it would lay for us a pattern for the way we should not act. Go with him to the Mount of Transfiguration and hear him excitedly suggest the building of three tabernacles, one for Moses, one for Elias, and one for Jesus, because "he wist not

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## Lamplighter Picnic

By Mrs. Geneva Carroll  
Editor, Junior Literature

A GROUP OF JUNIOR LAMPLIGHTER girls picnicked in the Elise Chapin Wild Life Sanctuary Saturday, October 12, 1957. Mr. Robert Sparks Walker, naturalist, who was born in the old log cabin located near the entrance, met the group. First the girls went through the 200-year-old log cabin, after which they enjoyed a picnic lunch on the tables in front of the cabin.

After the refreshing lunch, Mr. Walker took the girls on a lecture hike through the woods. There are many interesting trails winding through the sanctuary. Some of the names of the trails, which usually intrigue the visitors, are *Spring Frog Trail*, *Towhee Trail*, *Bamboo Trail*, *Little Owl Trail*, *Sequoyah Trail*, and *Children's Wonderland Trail*. On Wake Robin Hill the naturalist asked everyone to sit down on the ground while he told a thrilling nature story.

The Elise Chapin Wild Life Sanctuary has an interesting historical background. It is the site of an ancient Indian village. The old log cabin was once the home of Spring Frog (Too-an-tuh), Cherokee naturalist, born in 1754. Sequoyah, the famous Cherokee Indian chief who developed the Indian alphabet, is known to have visited with Spring Frog in his cabin.

This 124-acre area along Chickamauga River, located near Chattanooga, Tennessee, is a nature scene where trees, plants, birds and animals are growing without the help or hindrance of man. More than four hundred kinds of plants growing on this acreage



Robert Sparks Walker telling Lamplighters a nature story.

have been botanized, and it is estimated that several years will be required to complete the list. Practically every tree known to the southeastern United States may be found here. Giant oaks, pines, elms, and other kinds of trees have been growing here for hundreds of years.

In "Literary Acres" trees have been christened for outstanding personalities. The first tree to be christened was for Mr. E. Y. Chapin, Sr. Mr. Chapin dug the hole for planting the tree and packed the dirt around the roots. The second tree was for Elise Chapin (Mrs. E. Y. Chapin) for whom the sanctuary was named. Other trees bear the names of Spring Frog, Sequoyah, Abraham Lincoln, Henry David Thoreau, Grace Moore, Sidney Lanier, Louis Bromfield, Mark Twain, and John P. Long, the man who suggested the name Chattanooga and served as the city's first postmaster. These are only a few of the names which can be seen there. At the time of the christening, the tree was planted by the person or a representative for him, and a special address read in his honor.

Hundreds of visitors go through the sanctuary each year; among them are groups of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Many persons go there to study nature under the guidance of naturalist Robert Sparks Walker who was born in the "Spring Frog Cabin."

Mr. Walker's father, William Thomas Walker, purchased in 1872 the land which is now known as Elise Chapin Wild Life Sanctuary. Robert Sparks Walker was born in 1878. For a number of years the Walker family lived in the log cabin and tilled the farm land. In 1945 the newly organized Chattanooga Audubon Society purchased the place from the Walker heirs. Since that time the sanctuary has been under the control of this society.

The Junior Lamplighter girls enjoyed hearing some of the history of the place and examining the different kinds of leaves, flowers, and other plants in the sanctuary. Mr. Walker thoroughly explained the

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Group of Lamplighters on railroad track. "Spring Frog's Log Cabin" in the background.



A FORUM ON THE PROBLEMS OF  
MODERN CHRISTIAN LIVING

## WHAT IS THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM FACED BY OUR CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY?

**"It would be better for anyone to remain unmarried than to choose the wrong life partner."**

AFTER CONSIDERING THE question from many angles, choosing a life partner seems to be the greatest problem faced by Christian young people. First, for a Christian to marry a non-Christian is a dangerous thing. Yet the girl, particularly, has a very limited choice. Too many times the Christian boy chooses a worldly girl, thereby discouraging some girls from living deeply consecrated lives. Of course, the staunch Christian would stand regardless, but many are weak—and all want to get married!

Since the girls outnumber the boys, many times the girl faces the fact that she must remain unmarried or marry a non-Christian. Her field is further limited because she cannot choose among the few eligibles, but must wait to be chosen.

Of course it would be better for anyone to remain unmarried than to choose the wrong life partner. What should the Christian young person do? He, or she, is faced with the greatest of problems.

*(Name withheld)*

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**"The need is for men with the anointing of God upon them to give direction and leadership to the people."**

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT things in life to young men and women is to find out what God wants them to do and then to intelligently go and do it. This task, however, is extremely difficult due to the many and varied events which are often instrumental in creating delicate problems. From one standpoint it appears that life moves from one crisis to another and that every crisis has a spiritual and moral cause. An economic crisis could be traced to the violation of the moral in relation to money. In society the abandonment of restraining principles for freedom to indulge in what we want, regardless of the effect, causes a breakdown in the home and all social relationships. It is the immoral lust for control that precipitates hate and war with incalculable consequences. Crises in religion are traceable to the abandonment of the message and mission of the Church—the substitu-

tion of programs for the dynamics of creative spiritual living. These conditions involve a problem of spiritual shallowness for our youth.

The misuse of power and physical force is lamentable. The abuse of political strength for personal gain and special benefit has its dangerous reactions. There is a waste of knowledge when people cater to the reading of "sexy" literature, and the tragic misuse of emotional energy is a grave sin. Too often, in the field of formal education, much time is spent on philosophies of life which lead young people further away from God. In the field of religion, manpower, talent, and money are often used to keep the ecclesiastical machinery in motion instead of dealing with present-day issues and needs. As a result, there is a lot of misspent religious feeling that is used up in "bell ringing and whistle blowing"—but going nowhere.

There is no tragedy like the loss of the power of God—power to meet the crises in our own lives, in the church and in the world. When the word came to Samson that the Philistines were upon him he arose as in former times to meet the challenge of his ancient foe only to discover his impotence. Young people today are challenged by the enemies of God, man, and institutions. They rise to meet them but too often God is not with them. The facts must be faced. In the narrative of Samson's loss of power there is a realistic portrayal of common occurrence.

Samson's loss of power was traceable to the violation of his holy vow. This was the thing that kept him in right relationship with God. He failed to judge the thing in him that brought his ruin. If Samson had died to the thing that caused his death he might have lived to triumph. One of the major problems of youth today is that they have lost the art of repentance. Too often they refuse to die to those things that rob them of spiritual power.

High and noble standards become the object of scorn through neglect. The need is for men with the anointing of God upon them to give direction and leadership to the people. We may gather in conventions and pass resolutions and then passively hope that things will become adjusted. But can we afford to trifle with destiny?

Samson knew his only hope was God. He cried in



pathetic penitence as he staggered about in his blindness and in his weakness. God answered his prayer and judgment struck. Samson had reclined in the lap of an unscrupulous woman and was now paying the penalty of trifling with destiny. The spirit of compromise, not only with truth but with our essential commission in the world, is a threat to the spiritual effectiveness of our young people. Let us not become defensive—it is lamentable to hear one group criticize another when both are spiritually dead or at least tragically impotent in the presence of evil forces. With all the problems upon young people today prayer and penitence are needed. There is something tremendously moving in Samson's closing prayer, "O Lord God, remember me, . . . strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God."

Once more, O God, come upon our youth and the Church for mercy and redemption. Once more make us holy men of daring. Once more make us spiritually creative. Save us from the tragedy of spiritual stagnation.

—R. Leonard Carroll  
Lenoir City, Tennessee

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**"Youth seeks for a logical, consistent, answer."**

IN MY OPINION the most serious problem faced by our Christian young people today is the problem of deciding where to "draw the line" in matters of recreation, entertainment, dress, etc. Youth is placed in a serious dilemma when various forms of recreation, dress, and entertainment are condoned while other forms perhaps equally as harmless and innocent are condemned to the lowest degree from the pulpit and general sentiment of the local church—e.g., in one area fishing is condoned while ball playing is condemned; in another area certain forms of dress are permissible while in yet another place, perhaps close by, they are condemned as a deadly sin. In this conflict of opinion and interpretation so prevalent today, youth seeks for a logical, consistent answer, but his search ends with the tremendous problem of drawing a logical, consistent, and Biblical line to differentiate the accepted and unaccepted, the good and the bad, and holy and the unholy. The problem looms even larger as youth seeks to live a consecrated life, but yet must, as a young person, engage in activities to develop socially and physically through fellowship, recreation, and entertainment. When he tries to reconcile the consecrated life and social life and still maintain a "line of spiritual demarcation" derived from conflict, prejudice, and uncertainty; despair, disgust, inconsistency, and confusion have often been the sad result.

With the problem before it, the Church has not been silent; but has made a determined effort to help "draw the line" with an all-out campaign in youth weekday activities as reflected in *Lamplighters Clubs* and year round youth emphasis. Further, it is my candid opinion that the problem can be even more adequately met with consistent, unbiased, logical, and Biblical ministering of the Word from pulpit, Y.P.E.,

and private youth counseling from which our young people can distinguish and shun those things which are definitely labeled by the Bible as being "black," can cultivate and live those things which are definitely labeled by the Bible as being "white," and can learn through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to eliminate as many of the "gray" and questionable things from their lives as possible despite interpretation and opinion of others. *Where is the line of demarcation?* — The Bible, conscience, influence upon others, and the hope of Christ's return.

—Paul L. Walker  
State Youth Director of California

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**"They are facing a way of life that is almost violent."**

OUR CHRISTIAN YOUTH of today live in a society that offers little encouragement in the development of high moral or spiritual standards. They are facing a way of life that is almost violent in its effects upon their personalities.

There is too little left of the culture of even a few generations ago to give them a standard by which they may compare their own social behavior.

I would say their most serious problem lies in their tendency to conform to the lowered standards of moral and Christian behavior to which they are exposed.

—Thomas B. McBrayer  
Atlanta, Georgia

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**"It is not an easily distinguished single problem, but rather a conglomeration of many problems."**

THE THING THAT MAKES the problem facing Christian young people today even more serious is the fact that it is not an easily distinguished single problem but rather a conglomeration of many problems.

There are social, economic and political implications that produce both spiritual and mental pressure.

This age of unprecedented inventions—some time-savers, and many time-wasters—only adds to the confusion. The chief emphasis is being placed on speed; thus youth is geared to such a strenuous schedule of activities that only the most conscientious, sincere and discerning can survive without loss or harm.

I am prone to believe that the old song "Take Time to Be Holy" most aptly describes the answer to this dilemma.

If Christian young people in all this maelstrom of confusion, frustration and activity will take time to read the Bible, attend church, pray, dedicate and consecrate their service to God; in short, "take time to be holy" then I believe they will have gone a long way toward solving not only their most serious problem but the most serious problem facing all Christendom today, namely, that of "taking time to be holy."

—Earl T. Golden  
Old Fort, N. C.

## **What Do You Think?**

## IS YOUR CHILD HUNGRY?

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reveals that 80 per cent of grade school children, 70 per cent of high school students and 90 per cent of college students do not attend Sunday School. The likely truth is that the earliest hunger of the child was neglected, and his spiritual self starved to death. The parent is guilty before God of neglecting his child.

Many parents who pride themselves in the way they provide for their children are actually guilty of child neglect. Many a child whose stomach is full is desperately hungry in another way. No parent can consider himself successful until he has nurtured every hunger of his child.



## THE FOLLY OF THOUGHTLESSNESS

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what to say." He did not *really think*, or no doubt he would have "wist" what to say. Luke says, "Not knowing what he said." Had Peter intently thought before speaking he would not have relegated Christ to a status equal to a prophet, but would have spoken out as on the occasion in which he so ardently proclaimed, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."

Again see Peter in the Garden, boldly resorting to physical force by smiting off the ear of the servant of the high priest. His bravery is unquestionable, his rashness by no means commendable. Who is this he is defending? Peter, THINK! This is the One you said was "the Son of God." Need you smite with the sword? Think, do you not remember but a few hours ago, and just last week, when Jesus foretold these very things? Think of the loaves and fishes, the calming of the sea, the walking on the boisterous waves, and the raising of Lazarus to life. Think of the demoniac of Gadara, the coin you fished out of the fish's mouth, the man at the pool of Bethesda. Do not these immortal words still ring in your ears—"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"? Does this person need "your" defense? Did you not see that angel hover over while He prayed yonder in the Garden, imparting strength for this very occasion? Oh, you were asleep, as are many saints today, and did not see.

Peter, will you not watch and pray? Satan is desirous of you, he wants to sift you as wheat. No, you will boldly say, "Lord, I will not deny you; why, I'd die first." But you did not *think* enough. You failed to think when that servant maid pointed an accusing finger at you. Immediately you denied your Lord. How incredible, how unthinkable such a denial! Why, Peter, why? You did not *think* you needed to watch and pray as admonished. Then, in quick succession, see Peter as twice more he denied Jesus, all because his *thinking* was too late. Surely he thought, but not until his traitorous eyes met the compassionate gaze of a sympathetic Saviour. Can you conceive the shame that must have coursed to his face as Peter *thought*?

Has there ever been a time when heedlessly and thoughtlessly you "crucified the Son of God afresh"? Was Peter the only one who ever "put him to open shame" by failure to *think*?

Hear Peter as he queries the Lord, "Dost thou wash my feet?" Hear Jesus humbly inform Peter that he will sometime know what it is that Christ is now doing, though now he does not know. To read the remonstrance of Peter we almost recoil in horror; these are his words, "Thou shalt *never* wash my feet." Peter indulged a moment in folly, but was quick to respond in repentance, willing to have not merely his feet but his entire body washed, if his "part with Christ" pivoted on that action.

When something is flung across our foolhardy and digressive path that causes us to know that God saw and perceived, may we be as quick to repent as was Peter, then to ponder our path. God knows where we are going as well as where we have been; how heedlessly and thoughtlessly we have repudiated Him and His love. "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings" (Proverbs 5:21). If God ponders our way, how much more should we?

When we give God the rightful place in our "thought world" we find consolation in knowing that God practices "thinking," too. Cognizant of "sowing a thought and reaping a habit," it is good to think of what He thinks. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11). Cognizant of "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7), may we be quick to accept Paul's admonition as to what to think, and then *think*! Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, *think* on these things."



## JUNIOR LAMPLIGHTER PICNIC

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difference in a single leaf and a triple leaf. In the picture on the front cover of this issue of the *Evangel*, you can see the girls holding specimens of some of the plants explained on the tour.

The Suspension Footbridge, or swinging bridge as the girls called it, located some distance from "Spring Frog's Cabin," was a real drawing point for all the Lamplighters. One of the guides carried some of the girls over into the Chickamauga Creek, just below the bridge. He took one girl at a time and stood her on a square rock while the water rippled around her feet. After she had enjoyed the thrilling experience, he would wade out and get her and then carry another to the rock. At another point the girls raced up and down the banks of a deep pit. Mr. Walker said that an

Indian dug the pit at some earlier time searching for hidden silver. When asked if the Indian found anything there, Mr. Walker replied, "All he received was perspiration."

This Lamplighters Club for Junior girls was organized at the North Cleveland Church of God, October 1, 1955. Since that time they have had fifty club meetings, and three general promotions to higher ranks. Three girls have already attained the silver flame rank, and the counsellors hope to have at least eleven more at the next promotion which is scheduled for the near future.

Included in the picture on front cover are Lamplighters Judy Ellis, Angela Delk, Camilla Conn, Joyce Ann Byrd, Sharon Conn, Dianne Walker, Janet Moore, Suzanne Nichols, Alana Tharp, Sherry McDonald, Sandra Mullinax, Georganne Keppler, Beverly Miller, Debbie Elrod, Oteen Miller, Martha Timmerman, and Judy Ratcliffe. The two counsellors pictured are Eloise Martin and Geneva Carroll, and Alice Josephsen, youth worker. Mr. Robert Sparks Walker is standing at the extreme right. A cousin of Joyce Ann Byrd, Lynn Hawkins of Knoxville, Tennessee, is also in the picture.

Junior Lamplighters not seen in the picture are Helen Fae Miller, Janet McLain, Linda Butler, Paula Griffith, Janet Polen, Joy Hurst, Faith Foster, Myrla Keppler, Linda Caywood, and Barbara Ann McCarthey. Two new Lamplighters who plan to be at the next club meeting are Linda Crow and Jane Mosley. The counsellors who did not attend the picnic are Virginia Byrd, Trudale Shelton, Ruth May, and JoAnn Spivey. Two teen-agers who sometimes assist as counsellors are Jerry Lynn Walker and Sarah Conn.

The ablest men in all walks of modern life are men of faith. Most of them have much more faith than they themselves realize.—Bruce Barton.

The private devotions and secret offices of religion are like the refreshing of a garden with the distilling and petty drops of a waterspout; but addressed from the temple, they are like rain from heaven.—Jeremy Taylor.

The duty of man is plain and simple, and consists but of two points; his duty to God; which every man must feel; and his duty to his neighbor, to do as he would be done by.—Thomas Paine.

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.—Penn.

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue, to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.—Socrates.



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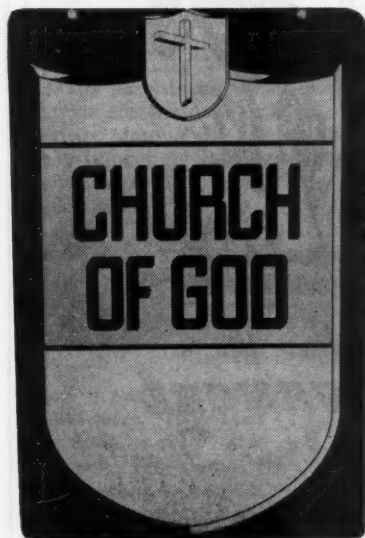
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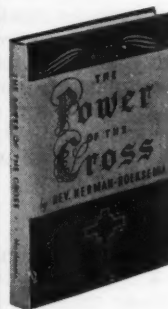
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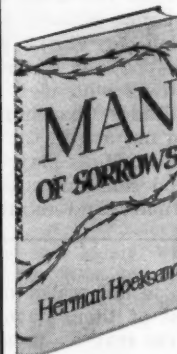


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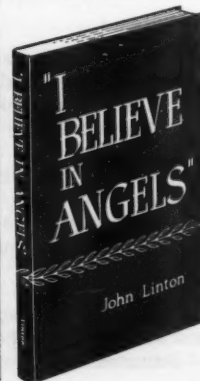
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## *My Trip to* Europe and South Africa

By Mrs. Houston R. Morehead

**M**Y FONDEST DREAM was realized recently when it was my privilege to go abroad and visit our churches in foreign countries. Not only that, but I also had the opportunity to visit and see for myself several of our mission stations.

So that you may share to some extent my experiences, I am writing this article from my diary. It would be difficult to state in a few short paragraphs what it took two months for us to experience.

The first foreign country we visited was France. It is a beautiful country and my heart yearned to see the Church of God planted in this nation that is predominantly of the Catholic faith. One can easily get a new missions vision when all about you the people are in darkness. May God speed the day when some will get the burden on their hearts for the people of France and take this wonderful full-gospel message to them.

Brother Herman Lauster met us in Paris and drove us to Germany. We had such a wonderful time of fellowship with him on this trip. On reaching a German village, Oberurbach, where Walter Lauster was conducting a revival, we saw Bobbie, his wife, watching out the window for our arrival. She was thrilled to see someone from home. After service we met dear Sister Lauster and Walter. She and Bobbie had a lovely lunch prepared for us, and we enjoyed a nice time of fellowship in their home.

The next day was Sunday and Brother Lauster had arranged for a union meeting in a large auditorium in Winterbach. We enjoyed four wonderful services that day. Here we were delighted to see Mary and Lambert DeLong and their two darling children. I could not understand what was being said or sung in the services but I could feel the moving of the Spirit as these people worshipped God so sincerely. I was really blessed.

On Monday, Mary and Lambert entertained us in their home with a lovely dinner. We enjoyed a service in Balingen, Germany, that night en route to Switzerland to take our plane for South Africa. The women seemed especially pleased that I was along to visit them.

Our plane trip to South Africa was uneventful and rather enjoyable. I had dreaded this part of the trip, since I had done very little flying before. On our arrival we were greeted by a group of the wonderful people of our church, among them, of course, were the McLuhans. They were really delighted to see us and we were happy to see them. I will omit our trip to Durban and the camp meeting, as my husband has written in detail concerning all of this.

After the camp meeting closed and the General Council was over, we, along with the McLuhans, started for the missions fields, traveling in the Land Rover.

We visited Levubye in the North-

ern Transvaal, Gutu in Southern Rhodesia, Matibi and Massacouli, also in Southern Rhodesia. I especially want to write concerning Matibi, since I feel that the most urgent need that I saw on my trip is in this place.

Since Brother duPlooy's death, Brother McLuhan has been made overseer of Central Africa. Kenneth duPlooy and his dear wife, Carol, are at the school in Matibi. A good work is being done in this school, but the one thing I should like to picture to you is the living conditions of Carol and her family. Recently, a nice two-room house was completed for the elder Mrs. duPlooy. This was long overdue and we were happy to see her comfortable. Carol and her family have a tiny round cottage for their bedroom. She said to Sister McLuhan and me, "Come, let me show you my kitchen." We followed readily. Every woman loves a nice kitchen. To our surprise she took us back of some buildings to a spot under a tree. There stood an old oil drum that had been cut in half so as not to be too high. A place was cut out in the side where the firewood was to be put in. She said, "This is it." We were shocked. She also showed us their water supply. Situated on a hill was a huge open storage tank containing the water supply. I've never been more appalled than when I saw the drinking water of all those people—natives and whites. There is no purification system, and since the water comes from the river, it is infested with Bilharzia, tiny microscopic worms that get into the human body and destroy the tissues of the vital organs. A terrible scum covered the surface of the water. Only when it is boiled is it safe for human use, and with the kind of stove Carol has, it is a great problem to boil all their drinking water, bathing water, and wash water.

I should like to add that not one word of complaint came to my ears from Carol. She is so bravely trying to be a good missionary. Is this necessarily a part of it, I ask you?

I bring this account to you firsthand. If God would lay it on the hearts of any of our dear women

to start a fund for building Kenneth, Carol, and their baby a little house with a real kitchen, and to remedy these other conditions, I'm sure God would reward you. If you desire information as to how to proceed, the Missions Department will be happy to supply you with such information.

I had many other experiences which time and space will not allow my telling. This, however, was the most touching concerning our white missionaries.

### The Iowa Camp Meeting

Like a refreshing summer rain, cooled by gentle breezes, the Iowa Camp Meeting for 1957 gave the ministers and laymen who attended spiritual relief from the heat of their burdens and battles and renewed their strength for the days ahead. The tide of enthusiasm that had been high for weeks continued to mount throughout this feast which transpired July 31-August 4 at the Free Methodist Campground in Birmingham, Iowa. Our state overseer, the Reverend Grady L. Waters, very ably and proficiently directed the program of events.

Every delegate would agree that each speaker who proclaimed God's Word was anointed for his task by the Holy Ghost. The messages of the night speaker, the Reverend V. B. Rains of Eldorado, Illinois, were highly inspiring. Brother Rains preached powerfully and effectively from such Scriptures as Colossians 3:1, 2, "... Seek those things which are above ..."; Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit ..."; John 17, and others.

We were very fortunate to have as our morning speaker and Bible teacher, the Reverend Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer. Brother Paulk's messages were potentially greater than time would allow each day. For a complete hour each morning, every minute was taken as he lectured and preached on such vitally important topics as "The Technique of Taking Over for God," "Church Government," "Ministerial Ethics," etc. On Sunday afternoon of the last day of the camp meeting, Brother Paulk climaxed his preaching with a very timely and definitive message on "Divine Healing."

The messages delivered by other guest speakers were also highly effective. The Reverend Wayne Heil, pastor of the Church of God in St. Louis, Missouri, preached very ably from the cardinal New Testament passage, Romans 1:16, 17. A stirring charge to holy living was

given by the Reverend James A. Stephens, Overseer of Indiana, in his message on Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart. ...". Brother Stephens, as a member of the Board of Directors of Lee College, also spoke informatively on the purpose and program of the school. On Sunday Morning, a great response to the cause of foreign missions was elicited by a dynamic and provocative sermon by our foreign missions field representative, the Reverend Wade Horton, as he spoke on missions in light of the early Church.

Some of the most important events of the camp meeting took place on August 3, which was designated as Youth Day. The state coupon king and queen were

crowned for their efforts during the year in behalf of our Home for Children. Possibly the most impressive part of Youth Day was the youth march just prior to the night service, when all the young people marched into the tabernacle while singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The effect of Iowa's camp meeting on the churches of the state is, to a large degree, incalculable. But of one fact we are certain: those who attended the camp meeting have returned to their posts of duty with a sharpened vision and an increased zeal to continue their work for God and His Church.

—Donald B. Gibson,  
Convention Clerk

### Little Rock Church Reports Progress



Since September 1956, the Little Rock, Arkansas, Church of God, has noted much progress throughout each department. The Sunday School department has steadily reported growth, and the tithing has averaged double over the previous year. Fourteen members have been added to the church membership roll.

Many improvements have been made to the church property. The front of the church has been painted and the Sunday School rooms sheet-rocked and taped out, ready to be painted. New light fixtures and a new piano, with no indebtedness, add to the comfort and beauty of the sanctuary.

The greatest advancement was the purchasing of a parsonage. The parsonage, which was purchased for the bargain price of \$7,500, has seven rooms and two baths. With great assistance from our state overseer, Brother Dennis, the down payment was provided. The parson-

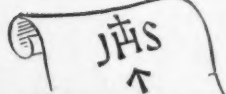
age is presently being used as a duplex. One apartment rents for \$45 a month, which meets the payment on the property. Included in this purchase was a garage and a storage building. It is located in a nice residential section of the city, about one and one-half miles from the church. It is one-half block off the main highway, and a shopping center is nearby. Recently, the complete interior was redecorated, which greatly increased the property value.

In addition to this achievement, the parsonage is partially furnished with bedroom and dinette suites, donated by furniture dealers of the city, when solicited by the pastor, Brother Robert E. Daugherty. Among other furnishings are kitchen appliances and cabinets, also free of debt.

We give God the praise for these accomplishments, and feel there are greater things ahead for our work.

—Reporter





# testimonies

## Praises God for Many Blessings

NASHVILLE, Ga. — I feel like praising the Lord. I feel so encouraged to go on with the Lord because He has done so much for me and my family. He helped me overcome so many things. He is my healer; He has healed my children and healed me of cancer and broken bones; He healed my baby girl when she was dying. How sweet it is to trust in Jesus. If we live right, He will come to our rescue. I want to do more for Him instead of less. I like to read the *Evangel*. I read Brother Earl P. Paulk's sermon in the last *Evangel* and it was wonderful; it is food to my soul to hear good sermons. I love the Word of God. It will keep people if they only follow its teachings. When persons get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost it is no trouble to give up this world of goods. When the devil comes at me so hard, I get down on my face and pray until he leaves me alone. I know without a doubt that we are living in the time when Jesus is soon coming. Please pray that I will keep a pure heart. We have a good pastor here at the Nashville, Georgia, Church of God and a pretty new church. God is blessing this place. We have many new people attending our church. We are praying that God will save souls.

—Mrs. Myrtle Morton

## Couple Praises God for Answering Prayer

KERSHAW, S. C. — We would like to thank God for the way He has blessed in our home. We have been married for eight years but have been saved only four. Since that time God has showered us with many blessings. He has healed us many times, but most of all we thank Him for our little girl who is now two years old. We did not have any children and we prayed and had different evangelists to pray for us, and one day God made a way for us to adopt a baby. We could never praise Him enough for all He has done for us. We want everyone that reads the *Evangel*

and our testimony to pray for us that we shall always be in the will of God.

—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams

## God Blesses Financially

LAND O' LAKES, Fla. — I want to praise God for supplying our needs. He is able to help us financially as well as physically and spiritually. Before camp meeting this year an offering was taken for our pastor, Brother B. B. Brickley, to help him attend the camp meeting. I had already given some; I had \$5 that I was saving to apply on insurance but the good Lord spoke to me and said to give it and He would take care of the insurance. So I just put it in and a little over a month before the insurance was due, I had it paid, by the help of the good Lord. I surely thank Him for it. He can make a way when there seems to be no way.

Not long ago our electric water pump wouldn't run. I intended to call about having it fixed, but the thought came to me to ask Brother Brickley to pray for it. When he took the prayer requests that night, I asked for prayer that our pump would run. Thank the Lord it is running and we haven't had to get anyone to work on it. Pray for me that I shall do what the Lord would have me to do.

—Sister Jonnie Johnson

## God Wonderfully Heals in Home

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., Canada — I want to give you my testimony of how God healed my two little boys and also my eyes.

When our second boy started to walk we noticed that one foot was turned way in. We took him to the doctor where his foot was X-rayed. He said that the bone was soft and was not growing straight. So he put a cast on his foot up to his knee. Every two weeks they changed the cast. Before I had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, someone told me I should go to the Church of God. I went when Brother Jim Reesor was there. As I sat there night after

night listening to him preach, I received faith that God could and would heal our little boy. The doctor had said he might have to keep the cast off and on until he was grown and our boy was around one year old. When the cast was off, he had to wear his left shoe on his right foot and the right on his left.

So my wife and I took our boy to be prayed for. Brother Reesor prayed for him and told us to put his shoes back on the right way. We didn't notice any change then. One day I was getting ready for Sunday School when I called my boy over to me, and praise God his feet were perfectly straight. God had healed our boy. This was nearly three years ago and he is still healed.

One morning our oldest boy woke up with a fever and a burning red throat which was all swollen inside; every time he coughed he would choke. My first thought was to call a doctor, but I knew we had a God that healed. My wife and I got down and prayed but he seemed to get worse; I thought he would choke to death as his throat was nearly closed from the swelling.

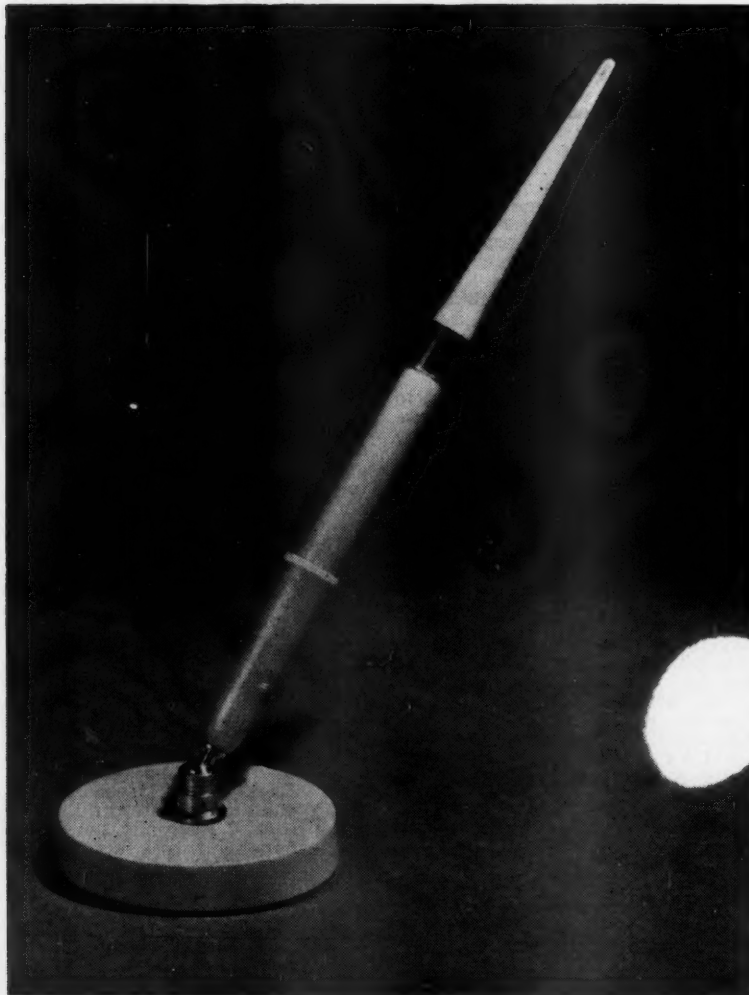
Then I went to call Brother Meyer, our pastor, according to James 5:14, 15. Brother Meyer came over and prayed and he seemed just as bad. Then Brother Meyer put his hand in Lenny's and told the Lord how Len was His child. He asked the Lord to stop him from crying, and praise God he stopped crying right then; he rebuked the fever in Jesus' name and Len was healed. Lenny, who was four years old, jumped off the chair and cried out, "Jesus healed me; give me some water and something to eat." We really thank the Lord that his throat was healed when he could neither eat nor drink, because our good pastor prayed. Praise His name!

My eyes were in bad condition. I only had 24 per cent vision in one eye. Brother Harry Lane was holding revival meetings in the Church of God in Swift Current. After Brother Lane prayed for me, I went to have my eyes checked; they had improved some, but still were not normal. I went back the next night and was prayed for again. This time when the specialist checked my eyes, he was amazed because my eyes were 20-22, nearly perfect vision. He said something had happened and praise God it had. I have never worn glasses since, and I believe they are perfect today. I thank Jesus and Brother Lane for the healing of my eyes.

Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." I want to preach God's holy Word and see people delivered by God's power.

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2 Cor. 4:16, "But though our outward man perish, yet the inward man (soul) is renewed day by day."

Jonah 2:7, "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord."

You also know that your soul, or inward man, wants to do good—or right.

The glorious news to you is that God gave His Son to save you. Have you accepted Him?

John 3:16, 17, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Without Jesus Christ, your never-ending trip through eternity will be eternal doom, despair and punishment for not accepting Him, (Jesus), as your personal Saviour.

Ps. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

If you have not accepted Him, YOU CAN NOW.

John 6:37, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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